

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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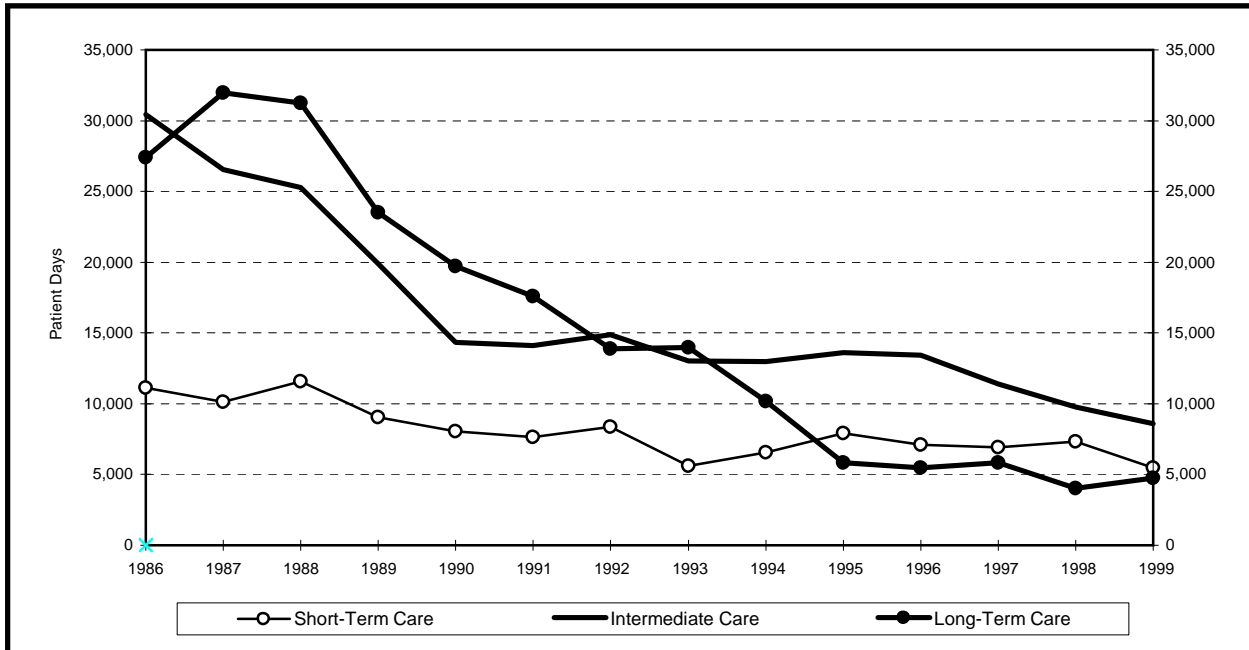
RE: VSH Services Provided

The attached table provides an overview of the services provided by the Vermont State Hospital for 1986 through 1999. Services provided are categorized as short-term care (less than 30 days in residence), intermediate care (30 days to 1 year), and long-term care (more than 1 year). This analysis provides an interesting perspective on changing practice patterns at the Vermont State Hospital during this period.

The first and most obvious change has been the large overall reduction in the total amount of care provided by the Vermont State Hospital. There was a 73% reduction in the amount of care provided by VSH between 1986 and 1999. The greatest change occurred in the amount of long-term care that was provided. During the late 80's and early 90's, long-term care accounted for the greatest amount of service provided by VSH. Since 1995, long-term care has accounted for the smallest proportion of total care provided by the institution. Between 1987 (the high point) and 1998 (the low point) the amount of long-term care provided by VSH decreased by 87%. The reduction in the amount of short-term care was small by comparison. The amount of short-term care decreased by only 51% between 1986 and 1999. Interestingly, intermediate-term care (30 days to 1 year) accounted for the greatest proportion of care provided by VSH at both the beginning of this period (44% in 1986) and at the end of this period (46% in 1999).

We look forward to your comments on this change in practice patterns and your suggestions for further research in this area. Please give us a call at 802-241-2638 or e-mail to jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

VERMONT STATE HOSPITAL SERVICES PROVIDED, FY1986 - FY1999



Fiscal Year	Short-Term Care (0-29 Days)	Intermediate Care (30 Days-1 Year)	Long-Term Care (More Than 1 Year)	Total
1999	5,469	8,580	4,745	18,794
1998	7,326	9,761	4,015	21,102
1997	6,903	11,413	5,840	24,156
1996	7,118	13,415	5,490	26,023
1995	7,927	13,598	5,840	27,365
1994	6,563	12,994	10,180	29,737
1993	5,614	13,034	13,965	32,613
1992	8,388	14,856	13,892	37,136
1991	7,658	14,100	17,604	39,362
1990	8,070	14,337	19,732	42,139
1989	9,045	19,918	23,521	52,484
1988	11,596	25,262	31,251	68,109
1987	10,151	26,550	31,952	68,653
1986	11,111	30,452	27,419	68,982

Information is based on the Vermont State Hospital Admission and Discharge database.